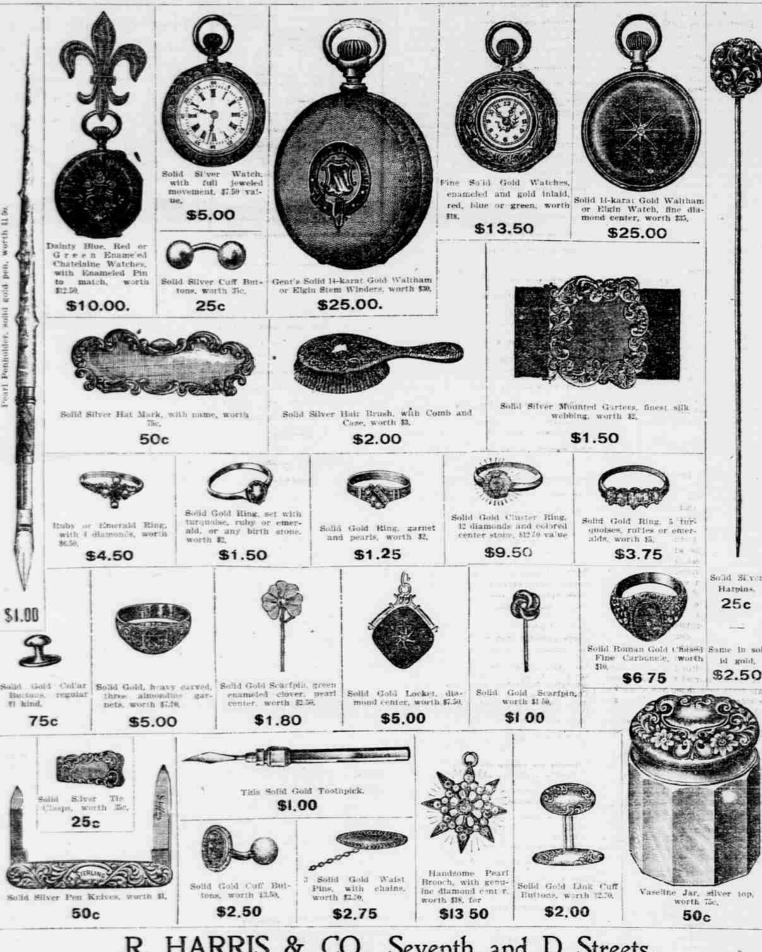
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A DESERTED CITY.

History of the Rise and Fall of a Western Boom Town.

(From the San Francisco Coll.) which State claims this tenantiess me-tropolis. West Lynne long ago passed to the Pacific coast. The possibilities of from the memory of most men and we-the piace were exploited in the East;

A weird place it is. The "city" is was picatiful. ted, abandoned, going to de-

Such a place is West Lynne, on the wett bark of the Red River of the North
and almost on the Canadian boundary.

The history of the place is one of the
In the manning building was processed. remances of the "boom" period from 1878 to 1891. The people of the Dakotas will never forget those "boom days," when rower sprang up in a night, when few lots staked out on the prairie and styled collectively "Central City," "New London," or something equally impres-sive, sold in the markets of the East one day for hundreds of dollars and the next for thousands. It was then that shrewd Sloux-the Apache of the North fought his ancient foes, the Blackfoot of Montana and the Pawner of the Niobra-ra, and having vanquished them, joined in an attack/upon some tribe springing from his own parent stock-fought just to be fighting, because it was the "nater of the heast." The lowly laborer, drawing his weekly stipend, made enormous by stress of "boom" prices, invested it in the prairie soil and at the end of a month found himself rich beyond the chance of again having to toil. Those were the

ments they had begun upon their realty. The fortunes that had been made in a day were scattered in a night; villages that had sprung up in a few hours and grown

of prosperity founded upon a virgin soil which "tickled with a hoe, laughs at harvest," until now in the lands of the

some residences, costly store building—in fact, a metropolitan city—but without a ten most noted of them all. It was plot-resident, not even a cock to crow nor a dog to howl by night! Such a place exstant of the most noted of them all. It was plot-ted by schemers with more fertility than dog to howl by night! Such a place exstant or the Red River lists, although even in North Dukota, where they claimed the Great Northern West Lynne was a "boom town" and

capitalists became interested, and mone There was no sham about the actual cas. No traffic goes on in its streets, no business in its stores; the sound of human voices is not heard in its dwell-the minds and on the plats of its probusiness in its stores; the sound of human voices is not heard in its dwellings. The streets are graded, the walks are of unacodam and trees and shrubbery flourish in the yards surrounding the residences—but all in effecte and lone-liness.

Such a place is West Lynne, on the him of the disposal of a certain plat, and

> In the meantime building was progressing. There were no board shantles, soll walls or canvas shells. Handsome struc-tures of brick or lumber, finished in modren style, sprang up as fast as material could be transported and contractors do

And today there the "city" stands, a handsome but useless monument to the credulity of some and the hardlhood of others. Not one of its magnificent build-

ings has ever been occupied. Several years have clapsed since the writer last visited West Lynne, whose history then dated back over 15 years. No one loftered on the grass-grown streets; the handsome and costly blocks of brick, with plate glass windows and ornute farusty hinges or lying where they had been tumbled by Time's rude hand, gave back bollow echoes to the voice of the visitor. Mansions costing thousands of dollars tasteful and spacious, with every indication that persons of wealth and refire-ment had at some time intended to occu-But there came the collapse. Men who, not foreseeing the crask, invested more heavily instead of turning their holdings tuto coin gwake one morning to find the coin gwake one morning to find the coin gwake one morning to find weeds encroached upon pavements and approaches. Not a human being was to approaches. Not a human being was to that py them-were scattered in clusters in this or that "addition." Around them be seen; not even a stray cat was found warming itself in some stray nook on that fine September day. And the "city" had

never had a permanent resident. But all is not yet told of the waste of

West Lynne stands on a flat, sandy stretch, where the overflow from the river is so extensive and long continued that A city large enough to house a popula-tion of five thousand, yet absolutely ren-antiess; a place with substantial brick blocks, well-laid streets and walks, hard-give up their gold.

Dakotes there have spring up two great continenwealths, for the output of whose antiess; a place with substantial brick blocks, well-laid streets and walks, hardwhich, in the "boom days" was but a suburb of West Lynne. Even in Emerson. there is a brick block three stories high 55 by 140 feet in dimensions, with a base-ment under the whole. It contains fourteen spacious stores, with plate glass fronts and all the accessories of a stylish business block. But not a single inlividual inhabits the great structure and it is slowly going to rule. Eighty-five thousand dolars was the cost of the build-

SWEARING OFF

Many Indulge in the Habit, But Few Stick.

(From the Mobile Register.)
"I once swore off smoking," said the clubman. "That was when I was young and did not know myself. I swore off with a friend, and the penalty was a suit of clothes to cost \$80. The condition was that we were not to smoke in town. When traveling or hunting or fishingout of town, in fact—we would be allowed to smoke. The scheme worked well for some time; then I began to want to smoke. I battled with desire for several weeks, each day of the period becoming a harder trial than the preceding. At last, when the longing became too great, I went to see my partner in misery to tell him that we had better call the contract off, as I could not stand it. He was not at home. He had gone out of town a week before and would be absent an-other week. Then I broke down. The thought of the party of the second part smoking himself blue in the face while I suffered was unbearable. So, with the fine of \$80 staring me in the face, I bought a eigar and smoked it. It was worth \$80, I thought. But I did not die for a lamb only; I smoked a vast quantity of cigars before he came home. Then I went to him and told him to go order the suit, that I had broken the contract. He smiled quietly, as if to himself, and then said: 'All right, old fellow, but do not be dis-turbed about the suit. I kept the con-tract just three days.'"

Another man said: "There were two

men in this town who swore off, the breaker of the contract to pay the other for a \$10-hat. Finally one of them weakened, saying to himself he did not mind giving \$16 for a smoke. While he medi-tated over the matter, however, he thought out a scheme to save himself on the hat. He went to the hatter's and had spring up in a few hours and grown to the importance of incorporated towns and cities in a few months were deserted by all save those who, swamped by the crash, found themselves without meney enough to get away.

The collapse of the "Dakota boom" in The wagon track is used. The structure thought out a scheme to save himself on the hat. He went to the hat the hat. He went to the hat bought a Sil-hat and had it charged to the other fellow. Then he called on the other fellow, and, peinting to the hat, and: See that hat, old boy? It is one I have just had charged to you on that

1831 marked the beginning of a new era must have cost \$200.000, as there is a great swear-off contract.' The other fellow in the great wheat belt of the Northwest deal of plling and trestle in the application out i had been smoking?' Never mind, said the other. 'A little bird told

"Well, I swore off," said another clubman, "and to make the matter memorable I handed a dozen fine Havana cigars to a friend, telling him to smoke them, as I had sworn off. I was like the man who found the first day pretty bad, the second herrible and the third no trouble at all because he began again to smoke. About the third day my resolution died out, and then I thought of the fine Havanas. I met my friend. Where are those twelve eigurs I loaned you? I asked. Here, he said: 'I knew you would want them agam.' And he took one for deposit charge. I smoked the rest."

"I swore off once," said another club-man, "and it was just as easy as any-thing you ever heard of. I did it by logic. I found I was smoking one cigar after another and never getting enough, so I said to myself that if I had to deprive myself at some time I might as well begin with the first as with the atcenth cigar. Thus I convinced myself I would have no greater difficulty than in rehave no greater difficulty than in re-fusing the steemth eight, and such proved to be the case. I had not the slightest longing for tobacco after I had made up my mind that I had quit. I kept a box of cigars on the mantel, for I said I might want to smoke, and I did not in-tend to treat myself as one in whom I had no confidence.

"Now mark what happened About a "New mark what happened. About a

month after I had stopped smoking I began to have periodical indigestion, fol-lowed by cramps, which came on at a certain hour of the evening of each day and grew worse and worse until they were quite serious. I fried all kinds of diet, and even starved myself, but with-out relief. At last, on the night of a strikers' bull. I was actually unable to go out, although I had made a great effort and succeeded in dressing for the entertainment. I lay in bed and grouned for several hours. The next day was New Year's and of course there was a holiday dinner at my house. Said I: I have dieted and starved myself and it is doing no good. I will eat one good square meal and then die. So I sat at the table and ate everything in sight-made a regular feast of it. Then, as I was booked for the grave, or thought I was, I said I would make a complete job of it and smoke a cigar. I did not feel the want of a cigar. The taste had not plagued me in the slightest all that time. But I smoked now just to go out of the world in decent style, like a good diner should. Then I smoked another cigar. Having done my

duty I patiently awaited for the pains to begin. They did not do so, nor have they at any time since done so. I have not had trouble from that day to this." TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All drug-gists refund the money if it falls to cure, 25c. The gruntine has L. B. Q. on each tablet. se12-to,th,sat-tf

NOT A SUBVIVOR LEFT TO TELL OF THE WRECK

Every Soul on the Steamer Portland Perished.

AGENT WILLIAMS REPORT

Convinced That the Steamer Foundered in the Ocean.

Passengers Aware of the Dancer. and Had Time Before She Sank to Put on Life Preservers.

Boston, Dec. 1.-Telegraphic communica tion with Cape Cod has at last been opened. C. F. Williams, agent of the Portland line, who went to Provincetown to investigate the wreck of the Portland this morning gave out the following statement:

"I am sure that the Portland foundered at sea. There will not be a single survivor. I am positive all on board have been drowned.

"Where or how the wreck occurred I do not think will ever be known. My opinion is that she was first caught in the heavy seas near Thatcher's Island and that she went down somewhere between there and the Cape. Her guards and paddle boxes must have been smushed by the heavy seas, and she could not stand the wrenching and pounding of the waves. Her rig over the main deck-all the deck houses-I believe, was torn away. With the steamer bare above the deck, and the hull smashed and leaking. it seems to me that, with the weight of her machinery, she must have plunged down, carrying every soul on board with

"The wreckage that has come ashore consists of splinters of the light woodwork of the deck houses. This shows that the Portland did not go to pieces on any rock. I should say that the Portland probably went down Sunday morning. Apparently the passengers were fully aware of the critical condition of the steamer and evidently had there to out on life preservers, as the preservers have been found on bodies thrown on the beach.

The identified bodies from the Portland are as follows: E. Dudley Freeman, of Yarmouth, Me.; George W. Delaney, of Boston; George Graham, porter; William Moshier, of Gorham, Me; John Walton second engineer: Mrs. C. M. Mitchell: Mate Easton, and Miss Jennie Edmunds,

Late accounts from Cape Cod say the bodies of only sixteen of the Portland victims have been recovered, the other twenty bodies found having come from other wrecks. It is likely that few more of the 142 bodies from the Portland will ever be found.

LENGTHENING OUT THE FATAL WRECKAGE LIST

Ten Men of a Lest Fall River Schooner Supposed to Have

Perished. Boston, Dec. 1.-The schooner King Philip, of Fall River, has been totally wrecked near Highland Light, and the vessel pounded into small pices by the waves, being only identified by fragments that have come ashore.

The crew numbered ten men, all of whom, it is believed, must have been lost

THE GATE CITY SAFE

BEYOND ALL DOUBT Passed Tybee Island This Morning were left naked in the streets. on Her Trip From New York to Savannab.

city says the steamship Gate City, which was said to be overdue, passed Tybes island this morning on her way to Sa-

vannah, Ga., her port of destination. National Geographic Society.

The National Geographic Society will give the third of its regular course of lecures tomorrow evening at Columbian University Hall, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The lecture for the evening will be on "The Spanish in Europe and America," by Prof. Edwin Priest, of the Central High School. Prof. Priest will give a sketch of Spain in Europe and of the treatment which she accorded her colonipariment to his remarks, as full a de-scription as practicable of Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and the Canaries. The lecture will be illustrated by many geautiful views.

A solemn divine service will be held in St Matthew's Church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to celebrate the anniversary of the accession to the Austrian throne of his majesty, the Emperor and retary of State has issued invitations to be present to the President, Vice President Major General Miles and representatives of all branches of the Govern ment, including members of Congress.

Opposed to Fast Mail Subsidies.

Shallenberger yesterday appeared before the joint Congressional Postal Commission, which has been investigating the question of railroad mail transportation. In the course of the hearing Gen. Shallenberger gave it as his opinion that the by the discontinuance of the fast mail subsidies between New York and New Newton, Kas. In discussing figures as to the cost of mail transportation, he admitted that the estimates of 1890, based upon an alleged weighing of the mails. were not to be relied upon.

Fatal Fight With Highwaymen San Antonio, Texas, D.c. 1.-Three tan ners on their way home were held up by three highwaymen last night eight mile from this city. In the fight with the robbers L. Sales and Albert Coorier were killed. One wounded robber was dragged away by his companions who mounted their horses and fed. A sheriff's posse

Soldenbergs 22, 924, 926, 928 7th street, running through to 704-6 K st.

ning through to 704-6 K st.

Out go the remnants.

Just as certain as Friday comes a round it brings with it another of our Remnant Sales—when we put quick-selling prices on everything that could possibly be called a remnant. And this week we have been very liberal in our idea of what constitutes a "remnant"—for the holiday lines are crowding the regular lines—and we want every inch of available space we can command. It has been a long time since you could buy so advantageously as tomorrow.

Boys' clothing.

Odd lot of boys' heavy cheviot uisters, in nobby gray mixtures, sizes, 16, 17, 18 and 19—which solid at \$1.69 if and 45—will be offered for...\$1.69 is boys' chinchilla, frieze and kersey overcoats, some are uister and others cape overcoats—in brown and blue—wars 2, 5, 6 and 7-which \$1.98 Boys' blue cheviot blouse suits, izes, 6, 7, 8 and 9-trimmed with sizes, 6, 7, 8 and 9-training braid-in fast colors which 980 sold for \$1.88 will go now for ... 980 Lot of boys' golf caps and Tam o' Shanters, in blue and mixed effects which sold at 25c, 35c and 50c 90 Lot of 2 dozen all-silk Windsor ties all ready tied-will be offered 50

Linen remnants.

About two dozen heavy huck towels, slightly soiled from window dis-

play—take them just as they are 100 Remnants of pure linen towellng which sold at 10c a yard-will be offered, per yard-for only....

Domestics.

Remnants of yard-wide light per-cales, in the most attractive va-riety of patterns-will go, per 450 yard for Remnants of light and dark calls good quality-will be offered, 2

enly

Remnants of yard-wide, beavy unbleached musils—good reliable grade—will be offered, per yard 380

Housefurnishings.

A lot of Japanese Pottery Jardi-nieres, extra large size, 10 inches in diameter; raised gold decora-\$1.00 tions; reduced from \$1.90 to..\$1.00

One American Porcelain Dinner Set; delicate floral decoration; full gold lined; 100 pieces; 1 covered dish cracked; worth \$10,00. \$1.25 Reduced to

An odd lot of beautifully decorated French and Carisbad China Covered

Men's goods.

32 Men's White Unfaundered Shirts 32 Men's White Channeles | 216 sizes, 16 1-2, 17 and 17 1-2 only | 216

Men's 25c, 25c and 29c Tan Oiled alfskin Working Gloves; fleeco knit back and pulse-warmer 190 cuffs-go for .

Men's 50c and 5c White Laundered Shirts, slightly soiled, and a few 396 sizes missing, go tomorrow at...

Only 9 left of these men's \$1.75 and 52 Cardigan Jackets, in Brown and Black Worsted, hand knit, only small and medium sizes. Tomor- \$1.00

row at elastic and in all colors—go 60

25 pairs left of these men's \$1 extra fine Australian White Wool DRAW-ERS, in all sizes; to close 590 out at ...

79 pairs of men's M fur top Dress 76 pairs of men s et Kid Gloves, wool fleece-lined; 596

STARVING HUNDREDS IN HAVANA PROVINCE

RELIEF PROCESSES TOO SLOW

Spanish Soldiers Plundering Houses and Committing Ontrages Upon the People of Santo Domingo.

Havana, via Key West, Pla., Dec. 1 .-People are dying by hundreds of starvation in Havana Province. In the towns of Casildsa, San Antonio, Roblanco, Jibacoa, and Guanabacoa the situation is beyons description. Food has been landed at Marianao and Matanzas, and though welcomed with wild enthusiasm it is not sufficient to relieve the widespread dis-

local press is not allowed to describe the horrors of the situation, and correspondents are not permitfed to cable the news inder throats of their expulsion.

Starving people are in despair and fear

place alone can help come.

now that their day of departure is at and narrowly escaped perishing from hand, is outrageous. GREAT ROLLING MILL

COMPANY ASSIGNS Greatest Iron Industry In the South Suspends Operations-Nearly a

Million bollars Involved. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 1.-The Birningham Rolling Mill Company, the largest concern of the kind in the South,

Nearly a million dollars is involved. Louisville capitalists are the principal owners.

A Private Chazel in His Residence. estant Episcopal Church, has just finished the erection of a private chapel in his residence. It is the first of the kind in this city, and has a seating capacity of strongly to their guilt. fifty to seventy-five persons. The altar is in green and gold with gorgeous silken hangings and draperies. point of interest is a large cross of solid silver, elaborately carved. At the oppo-site end of the chap t is an immense p intthrone of his undesty, the Emperor and King, Francis Joseph. At the request of the Austro-Hungarian minister, the Secretary of State has issued invitations to the control of the Episcopal coat of arms. Family prayers are field by Bishop Sarrelary of State has issued invitations to the control of the Episcopal coat of arms. Family prayers are field by Bishop Sarrelary of State has issued invitations to residence are performed and special services are occasionally held.

Fireman Fined.

Chief Parris today recommended to the District Commissioners that Fireman James Creamer, who was found guilty of profanity in the presence of a visitor at an engine house, be required to pay a fine of \$5 in monthly installments of \$5. Commissioner Wight has approved the John Hancock, colored, will be hanged recommendation of the chief, and Creum- Friday at Lynchburg for an atrocious ofer will be notified that any repetition of the offense will result in his summary removal.

St. Petersburg, Dec. L.-The Czar today inveiled a monument to Admiral Nankimoff at Sebastopol. The ceremony was elaborate and accompanied by a brilliant

Unveiled by Czar Nicholas.

To Have Title Canceled. Martha E. Boarman today filed suit in equity against Edwin A. McIntire and others for the purpose of having the title to a certain piece of property in George-

town canceled. Tries to Kill Himself.

Merchantville, N. J., Dec. 1,-Passengers waiting for the 9 o'clock train were startled by the appearance of a man who stangered to one of the seats, where he sat awhile and then fell forward with a private of the local fire department, to groan. Several persons ran to his assistance, and he requested them to sum-mon a policeman. He said he had at-tempted suicide.

The would-be suicide gave his name as

John Hoover. He came out to Merchant-ville yesterday afternoon, sat upon the steps of the First Baptist Church and plunged a sharp shoemaker's knife into his side. The pula would not permit him to sit still, and he walked until his strength forsook him.

CYCLE GLOBE-CIRCLERS END THEIR JOURNEY

Meinratus AT CHICAGO

Return to the Starting Point of Their Trip Around the World, Begun Three Years Ago.

Chicago, Dec. 1.-Dr. and Mrs. Darwin McInrath, the cycle globe girdlers, will complete their journey today. They will arrive here at 5 o'clock this afternoon, at Dearborn and Madison Streets, point from which they started over three

years ago. Dr. and Mrs. McInrath left Chicago, on April 10, 1396. The whole distance was traveled on wheels except while crossing the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The the awful truth to become known. The are riding the same wheels they had when they left and the machines are still in good shape and have been repaired only slightly. The distance ridden was

nearly 30,000 miles. The ride through Asia was hazarious he news of their condition will not reach and several times the cyclists were rethe authorities at Wash acron, from which ported lost. They landed in China, and Advices from Santa Domingo, Santa and Caucasia, but avaided the Clara Province, assert that the town has wild districts where Cyclist Lenz lost been sacked by Spanish soldiers. All the his life. After getting through the worst ionses in the place were plundered, the part of the mountainous country, the women abused and with their children ride in Russia and Roumania became easier. The most serious adventure was in The attitude of the Spanish soldiers, Persia where the two riders became lost

> old. They were saved by a native inter preter, when about to succumb. Despite the incessant riding and the hardships encountered, Mrs. McInrath has gained in weight from 55 to 115

The husband has lost a few pounds, but

both are in excellent health.

CHILDREN ARRESTED

FOR MATRICIDE Boys of Tender Years in Custody at Washburne, Wis., Charged With Killing Their Mother.

Sparta, Wis., Dec. L-Two boys named Solberen have been placed under arrest Bishop Henry Y. Satterlee, of the Pro- at Washburns on the charge of murder ing their mother.

While the boys are only about eight and ten years of age, the evidence points

Lynchers Indicted for Murder Richmond, Va., Dec. L-At Stuart, Patrick County, yesterday a special grand jury found true bills for murder against six men who lynched Lee Puckett, a young white man, in September, for criminal assault. Puckett was a half-witted boy. The men are C. T. Thompson, L. D. McMillan, jr., Madison Montgomery, jr., H. Montgomery, William Branch and Robert Montgomery. They are all well known, but belong to a lawless class in that vicinity, famous for moonshining.

Criminals Sentenced to Die. Richmond, Va., Dec. 1-Jim Webster, colored, was sentenced yesterday at Bedford City to hang for criminal assault. fense. Jordan Webb, a white man, will pay the same penalty for the same crime in Southampton County the following Fri-day. There are a half dozen other men in the State awaiting execution for murde-

Another Telepaone Injunction Messrs. Kelly & Chambers, doing bustness at No. 311 Louisiana Avenue, and Anthony B. Tysowski, at No. 726 Fifteenth Street, today filed petitions for injunction seeking to restrain the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company from re-moving its instrument and appliances from their respective places of bu

Private Solden Dies at San June. Gen. Brooke cables from San Juan that Private Fred W. Holden, Company L. Nineteenth Infantry, died on November 30 of dysentery.

Jenkins' Successor Apopinted. William Mullen was today appointed a fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Gibert Jenkins. The appointment is made subject to twelve months' proba-

CITY BREVITIES.

Andrew E. Kennedy, a well-known young West Washingtonian, has re-en-tered the Volunteer Signal Corps. He ex-pects to jois the signal detachment which will soon start for the Philippines.